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THE MINISTRY YEARS OF JESUS

Jesus People Part 1—There's Nobody Like Jesus
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USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to discuss the weekend message.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together. Give priority to the needs and pace of your group members.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

[John 21:25]

Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.

[Matthew 4:24]

News about him spread as far as Syria, and people soon began bringing to him all who were sick. And whatever their sickness or disease, or if they were demon possessed or epileptic or paralyzed— **and he healed them all.**

[Matthew 8:16]

That evening **many demon-possessed people were brought to Jesus**. He cast out the evil spirits with a simple command, and **he healed all the sick**.

[Acts 10:38]

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. Then Jesus went around **doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil**, because God was with him.

[John 20:21]

“As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.”

[Matthew 9:36]

Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages... **when he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them** because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Jesus has the ability to see what no one else can see. He could look past the rejection of society and see the value of people. Jesus sees the deep needs of the human heart.

[Matthew 8:2-4]

Suddenly, a man with leprosy approached him and knelt before him. “Lord,” the man said, “if you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean.”

³ Jesus reached out and touched him. **“I am willing,”** he said. **“Be healed!”** And instantly the leprosy disappeared. ⁴ Then Jesus said to him, **“Don’t tell anyone about this. Instead, go to the priest and let him examine you. Take along the offering required in the law of Moses for those who have been healed of leprosy. This will be a public testimony that you have been cleansed.”**

Jesus was comfortable around people that no one else would be around. He was a revolutionary: He not only rejected cultural norms; He demolished them!

Jesus People have the same heart that Jesus had: unconditional love, acceptance the way people are, and a place at the table.

Being Jesus People—

1. Join Jesus in eliminating religious and moral caste systems.

Stigma: A mark of disgrace that is connected to the events of someone's past . The origin of the word comes from: **a brand or a tattoo**; something that is permanent and connected with disgrace and unworthiness....

People remember you in a snapshot; remember that your life is not a snapshot but a video.

Jesus didn't come to just move the boundary lines a little bit or lift a measure of restriction. He came to remove all separation.

2. Join Jesus in embracing the broken and running toward the messes.

Jesus runs toward what others run away from.

Jesus moved the emphasis from the holiness of God to the mercy and compassion of God without compromising the holiness of God.

FOR MONDAY—

1. Spend some time in the New Testament, focusing on the magnitude of what Jesus Christ did in His ministry years.
2. Check out episodes from the series ***The Chosen***. Link and QR code available online at TFH.org and the TFH App.
3. Examine your heart for any signs or areas of prejudice you exhibit that limit Jesus' redemptive reach.

TALK IT THROUGH

1. What is the first thing you think of when you hear the phrase "Jesus People?"
2. What is some religious veneer that the world tries to put on Jesus? How do you think these ideas came about? How can we tell what is authentic versus superimposed?

- 3.** When you consider the ministry years of Jesus, what is one word that comes to mind to describe them?
- 4.** What does a day in the life of Jesus look like for us today? As a church? For you personally?
- 5.** Why do you think people came from all over geographically just to get a glimpse of Jesus? What do you think they were seeking?
- 6.** How would the world change if all of us saw people through the compassionate lense of Jesus? (Consider Matthew 9:36 as an example.)
- 7.** What are some reasons that people will put a limitation on how far others can go, even in their redemptive faith journey or leadership?
- 8.** Why do you think Jesus ran toward the mess, and what would it look like for you to do the same? What were some reasons that He didn't look for honor or acknowledgement when miracles occurred?